

# The Understood Subject

In a request or a command, the subject is usually not stated. In such sentences, *you* is the *understood subject*.

**REQUEST** [You] Take this to the principal's office, please.

**COMMAND** [You] Do your homework now, María.

**EXERCISE** On the line before each sentence, write the subject of the sentence. If the subject of the sentence is understood to be *you*, write *you* in the blank.

**Example**           *you*           1. Patricia, please hand me those maps.

1. Jerome didn't hear your answer.
2. Speak more clearly.
3. Please help the children with their luggage.
4. Constance is arriving at noon.
5. Please tell me what time it is.
6. Jaime, be careful on your trip.
7. Karl is wearing his new suit.
8. Ginger left the meeting early.
9. Rogelio, please write me a list of what you'd like from the store.
10. Be respectful of the students who have not finished their tests yet.
11. Bring me the salad bowl, please.
12. Is Teddy going to be at the track meet?
13. Jim told Margaret to bring her bathing suit.
14. Take the bread out of the oven.
15. Please, Jeremy, don't laugh at me.
16. While reading this poem, you should pay particular attention to the rhythm.
17. Paolo seemed distracted by the radio.
18. Sing the solo yourself.
19. Clean your room as soon as possible, Martina.
20. We will all take a look at the rings of Saturn.